(1) Continuation and strengthen ing oi existing broad system of rn-centives for export whicii wouid include provision of raw material at international price and compensation for disadvantages arising oui of domestic taxation etc.

(2) To make basic structure of our domestic industry international ly competitive in terms of technolo gy, quality and cost. For this pur pose, the Committee has recommen ded special efforts on a more selec tive basis by selection of a few 'thrust' industries in which th$_e$ ex isting industrial structure is suth-ciently developed and in which we have a potential comparative ad vantage. The Committee recommen ded that these industries be offered special policy environment keeping in view the considerations of opti mum scale of production, technolo gical modernisation and competition with a view to make them interna tionally competitive. The principle of selectivity wag also recommend ed in case if export market and ex port of projects.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Detailed exercises for drawing up production and export plans for individual 'thrust industries' are be ing undertaken by Commerce and In dustry Ministries in consultation with other ministries. The Government has also taken a series of measures fo$_r$ liberalisation of industrial licen cing policies and introduction of new technology with a view to increase *the* intprnatiouai competitiveness of domestic industry. Decision has also been taken to extend the cash com pensatory scheme beyond 31-3-1986 and provide for compensation to in dustry for the cascading effect of do mestic taxes. Additionally, ailoys and other types of steels have been in cluded in the International Pric$_e$ Re imbursement Scheme to provide steel materials at international price for •xport production. Th$_e$ Import-Export Passbook scheme has been introduced with effect Hom i-l-86 for manu-fa'cturer-exporters with a view to pro-viae easy access to duty free imports tor expor: production.

**impact of price hike on commodities On price indices**

*alo.* .PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the total impact on th$_e$ wholesale price index, and consumer price mdex respectively of the recent hikes in the adminstered prices of coal, wheat, rice, fertilisers and petroleum product$_s$ announced by Government;

(b) the total revenue anticipated as a result of these hikes in prices; and

(c) wnat steps Government propose to take to provide relief to the common man?

" THE MINISTER "OF ~ STATE "IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a)The direct impact of the recent revision$_s$ during January and February, 1986 in administered prices of coal, fertilisers and petroleum products and issue prices of wheat and rice on the Wholesale Price Index is estimated to be 0.7 per cent. The Wholesale Price Index for 8th February, 1986 inciuded the changes in respect of prices of petroleum products, rice and wheat and recorded a fall of 0.1 per cent in that week. Wholesale Price Index available upto 15th February, 1986 however shows a fall of 0.1 per cent in that week. The Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (1980-100) is available only upto December, 1985.

(b) The revision in the prices of petroleum products is estimated to yield an additional Rs. 530 crores for the public sector oil undertakings. The hike in other administered prices will go towards reduction in subsidies and costs of the relevant public sector undertakings.

(c) The Government has been closely watching the price situation and has taken a number of steps to moderate the impact of price increases on consumers. These include expansion of Pubiic Distribution System for essential commodities and continuation of schemes for providing foodgrains to poorer sections at highly subsidised prices. Plan investment will also result in a number of schemes for the urban and rural poor.

**Prices of wheat and rice sold through public distribution system**

916. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) how many occasions the prices of wheat and rice distributed through public distribution system have been enhanced during the period 1980 to January, 1986;

(b) what was the extent of enhancement on each occasion;

(c) on what ground or grounds the prices have been and are being enhanced through administrative order; and

(d) what were the prices per KG of rice and wheat sold through pub-die distribution system year-wise from 1980 to January, 1986?

THI MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) and (b) The Central issue prices of wheat and rice are given in the statement attached, (see below}

(c) The issue prices are enhanced from time to time, consequent upon increases in the support prices of paddy and wheat.

The issue prices °f rice and wheat have been revised so that the amount thereby saved could be used for (Strengthening the Plan efforts and provide further thrust in implementing the anti-poverty programmes, including supply of cheaper foodgrains for tribal areas, rural works and for women and children under welfare programmes.

(d) The public distribution system in the States is organized by the State Governments, who fix the retail prices of these commodities after taking into account the cost of retail distribution, their subsidy if any, and other factors. These vary from State to State and from time to time.

**Statement**

*Statement showing the issue prices of rice and wheat*

(Rs. per quintal)

| | 1979 | 1981 | 1981 | 1982 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | from 25.10.79 | from 1.1.81 Raw and par-boiled | from 1.10.81 Raw and par boiled | from 1.10.82 Raw and par-boiled | from 16.1.84 Raw and par-boiled | from 10.10.85 Raw and par-boiled | from 1.2.86 Raw and par-boiled |
| RICE | | | | | | | |
| Common | 150.00 | 165.00 | 175.00 | 188.00 | 208.00 | 217.00 | 231.00 |
| Fine | 162·00 | 177·00 | 187·00 | 200·00 | 220.00 | 229·00 | 243·00 |
| Superfine | 172·00 | 192·00 | 202·00 | 215·00 | 235·00 | 244·00 | 258·00 |